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COURTHOUSE ADVISORY NOTICE

U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND CAMERAS IN THE COURTHOUSE

Local Rule 83.3(b) *Cell Phones, Computers, and Other Electronic Devices.*

(1) Persons Permitted to Bring Electronic Devices Into the Courthouse. The following persons may bring computers, cell phones, and similar electronic devices (hereinafter “devices”) into the courthouse after such devices have been screened by the United States Marshal Service or a Court Security Officer: (1) attorneys; (2) paralegals; (3) federal employees; (4) law firm staff when accompanied by an attorney; (5) state, county, or tribal law enforcement or emergency services personnel on official business; (6) jurors who have been selected to serve on a jury; (7) invited guests of the Court for ceremonial proceedings; and (8) service and delivery personnel. Where a pro se litigant needs to use a personal device during Court proceedings, the litigant should contact the Clerk of Court in advance of that proceeding to secure permission from the Court.

All other members of the public must comply with the Electronic Devices in Courthouse, please see [General Order](#) filed on June 11, 2021.

Please see the Western District of North Carolina [website](#) and Local Rule 83.3(b) regarding [Cell Phones, Computers, and Other Electronic Devices](#) effective December 1, 2022.